

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda

Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny

Third Selectman, Sally J. Buemi

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Timothy Doheny and Sally Buemi to the meeting.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda there being none, he proceeded with the approval of the minutes. Miss Buemi motioned the approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Selectmen's meeting of June 5, 2014. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned the approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting of June 23, 2014. Miss Buemi seconded the motion.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Freda then proceeded with a brief Selectman's Overview.

FINANCIAL:

- He stated that this is the 5th year that we have had a balanced budget and will be ending the fiscal year with a modest surplus of between \$50,000 - \$100,000.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT:

- ED 409 form has been filed. Recap of the referendum which passed approximate \$69.8 million bond package. Hoping to receive State reimbursement of approximately 30.7%. Expect to break ground next June.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- C. Cowles progressing with move into former Marlin's building. Job fair held on June 14th. Their Massachusetts division, Carlin Combustion will begin moving in this month.
- We are looking to fill some vacancies on Universal Drive. Potential new tenant for the former X-Pect.
- Still looking for solution to former Circuit Wise location since the residents were opposed to recycling center. This property needs remediation which is a deterrent. Still working on filling additional space at 297 State Street.
- Yale Medical Center and surrounding medical offices doing well and will tie in nicely with Village on State senior apartment complex.

- No doubt that North Haven is poised for continued growth and great things will continue to develop over the next few years growing our top line revenue.

OPERATIONAL:

- Paving roads continues to be a challenge. Cost of paving is more than \$200,000 per mile. Bonding package we approved three years ago did not encompass as many roads as we had hoped. We will most likely need to put another bonding package together in the spring for additional paving. Our financial house is in order and we are continuing to grow our economic base and feeding the pipeline. We can't ignore our infrastructure.
- This administration will continue to meet and overcome each challenge.

Following Mr. Freda's overview, the Board addressed the appointments on the agenda. The Board discussed tabling several of the appointments with regard to the boards having an unbalanced party representation.

The Board voted to table the appointment of James Nesdale (R), 42 Susan Lane, from alternate to full seat on the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2016.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

The Board voted to table the appointment of Todd Ricci (R), 27 Fallon Drive, as an alternate to the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2016.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the appointment of Robert A. Lockery, Jr. (R), 6 North Avenue, as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Michelle L. Bonora, term to expire December 1, 2017.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

The Board voted to table the appointment of Frank N. Perrotti (R), 119 Patten Road, to the Cemetery Commission for a two (2) year term to expire June 30, 2016.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the appointment of Robin Wilson, 45 Summer Lane, from alternate to a full seat on the Quinnipiack Valley Health District Board of Directors for a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2017.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi recused herself from the Property Tax Refunds. Mr. Doheny motioned and Mr. Freda seconded the approval of the following Property Tax Refunds:

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes

- Cab East LLC Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, P.O. Box 67000 Department #231601, Detroit, MI 48267-2316 in the amount of \$210.08.
- Godley, John A., 122 Tokeneke Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$171.86.

- Miller, Steven M., 5 Round Hill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$51.45.
- Ryder Truck Rental Inc., 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114-2104 in the amount of \$458.68, and in the amount of \$237.31, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$237.31, and in the amount of \$237.31, and in the amount of \$237.31, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$427.40, and in the amount of \$325.53, and in the amount of \$93.43, and in the amount of \$70.59, and in the amount of \$138.82, and in the amount of \$184.90, and in the amount of \$138.82, and in the amount of \$184.90, and in the amount of \$94.06, and in the amount of \$274.90, and in the amount of \$219.46, and in the amount of \$208.59, and in the amount of \$456.34, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$237.31, and in the amount of \$237.31, and in the amount of \$119.01, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$119.01, and in the amount of \$59.15, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$119.01, and in the amount of \$178.16, and in the amount of \$591.73, and in the amount of \$225.81, and in the amount of \$180.74, and in the amount of \$147.56, and in the amount of \$138.82, and in the amount of \$184.90, and in the amount of \$230.20, and in the amount of \$844.41, and in the amount of \$67.10.
- Vault Trust, Ally Financial, Louisville PC, P.O. Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290-1951 in the amount of \$86.91, and in the amount of \$67.10, and in the amount of \$70.84, and in the amount of \$226.21.
- VW Credit Leasing LTD, 1401 Franklin Blvd, Libertyville, IL 60048 in the amount of \$141.48.

Mr. Freda stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then asked if there was any public comment.

Mr. Raymond Sonazaro, Elm Street, had several comments regarding the renovations to the fire headquarters with regard to an elevator and gym. He feels that the voters didn't approve that. He also mentioned that Mr. Freda often comments to the public when asked questions about different departments or boards, if the resident has asked the particular board or attended their meeting. Mr. Freda explained that he would continue to answer all questions and even meet with Mr. Sonazaro as he has in the past at McDonalds, but feels that it would be beneficial for inquiries to go to the respective board where they can be addressed in greater detail.

Mr. John Heeran, Debra Lane, stated that the elevator Mr. Sonazaro referred to was a freight elevator and all modern fire and police stations have gyms where they encourage the men to stay in good physical condition.

Mr. Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, inquired if there would be a surplus or deficit with regard to the Board of Education. Mr. Freda responded there is an anticipated marginal surplus. Mr. Katz commented on his concern for the roads and feels it is necessary for economic development and growth. He wondered if we could add a line item in the budget. Mr. Freda responded explaining the pavement plan and the amount of money involved for the number of roads that need paving. He explained that the Town would most likely need to go to the public in the near future to approve another bonding package for additional paving. The amount of money would exceed what we could budget for. Miss Buemi commented that she did not feel it would be cost effective to pave one or two miles of road a year. Mr. Katz then inquired as to what we are saving on our existing bonds with the recent award of AAA bond rating. Mr. Freda replied approximately 2.6 million dollars over the life of the notes. The selectmen had a brief discussion regarding the Town's bonds.

With no additional public comment, and on behalf of the Board, Mr. Freda wished everyone a happy and safe July 4th holiday.

Miss Buemi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Doheny at 7:40 pm.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Buemi – Yes